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Fisheries of the South Atlantic, Gulf of Mexico, and Caribbean; Southeast Data, Assessment, and Review (SEDAR); Public Meeting

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of a public meeting.

SUMMARY: The SEDAR Steering Committee will meet via webinar to discuss the SEDAR assessment schedule and progress on SEDAR projects. See

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.

DATES: The SEDAR Steering Committee will meet from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. on Monday, May 9, 2016.

ADDRESSES:

Meeting address: The Steering Committee meeting will be held via webinar. The webinar is open to members of the public. Those interested in participating should contact John Carmichael at SEDAR (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION**

CONTACT below) at least 24 hours in advance to request webinar access information.

SEDAR address: South Atlantic Fishery Management Council (SAFMC), 4055 Faber Place Drive, Suite 201, N. Charleston, SC 29405; www.sedarweb.org.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Carmichael, Deputy Director for Science and Statistics, 4055 Faber Place Drive, Suite 201, North Charleston, SC 29405; phone: (843) 571-4366 or toll free: (866) SAFMC-10; fax: (843) 769-4520; email: *john.carmichael@safmc.net*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The items of discussion are as follows:

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1. Review and consideration of ongoing SEDAR projects including data best practices, identification of priority stocks to address MRIP data revisions, SSC and Council feedback on the research track process, and the NMFS stock assessment prioritization.
2. Review and consideration of the SEDAR assessment schedule, including updates on 2016 assessment projects, 2017 workshop schedules and data deadlines, and future assessment priorities.

Although non-emergency issues not contained on this agenda may come before this group for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, provided the public has been notified of the intent to take final action to address the emergency.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for auxiliary aids should be directed to the SAFMC office (see **ADDRESSES**) at least 10 business days prior to the meeting.

Note: The times and sequence specified in this agenda are subject to change.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

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